PRESENT PERFECT or PAST SIMPLE? (1)

Exercise 1.

Fill the gaps with either the present perfect or the past simple.

1. Renee _______________ (catch) the plane to Mexico at 10 o’clock this morning.

2. Who _______________ (invent) the Internet?

3. Steve _______________ (be) very low since he _______________ (lose) his job a month ago.

4. When _______________ (they/get) here?

5. George lives in California. He _______________ (live) there for almost twenty years.

6. Pam used to work for the United Nations. She _______________ (work) there for twenty years.

7. Where _______________ (you/be born)?

8. _______________ (you/ever/see) the Rolling Stones in concert?

9. I _______________ (not/go) to the gym much lately. I don’t have the time!

10. Kelly and her family _______________ (move) to Scotland when she _______________ (be) six.

Exercise 2.

Fill the gaps with either the present perfect or the past simple.

1. _______________ (you/ever/go) to Australia?

2. Sonia _______________ (go) to Cannes last weekend.

3. Martha _______________ (study) Medicine when she _______________ (be) at university.

4. I _______________ (leave) university last year.

5. Terence _______________ (be) much happier since he _______________ (meet) Charlotte.

6. Mike and Katie had only known each other for three months when they _______________ (decide) to get married.

7. He _______________ (not/take) his English exam yet.

8. Can we see another film? I _______________ (already/see) that one.

9. When _______________ (he/phone)?

10. Madonna _______________ (give) a concert last month in London.

Exercise 1:

1. caught
2. invented
3. has been, lost
4. did they get
5. has lived
6. worked
7. were you born
8. Have you ever seen
Exercise 2:

1. Have you ever been
2. went
3. studied, was
4. left
5. has been, met
6. decided
7. hasn’t taken
8. have already seen
9. did he phone
10. gave

PRESENT PERFECT or PAST SIMPLE? (2)

Exercise 1.

Fill the gaps with either the present perfect or the past simple.

1. _______________ (you / see) any good films recently?
2. What time _________ the plane _________ ? (take off)
3. “_____________ (you / walk) home from the disco last night?” “No, we _______________ a cab.” (take)
4. I _______________ (learn) a great deal already in this job.
5. He _______________ (work) for an advertising agency before joining this company.
6. _______________ (you / ever / read) any books by George Orwell?
7. It’s Sharon and Adam’s silver wedding anniversary today. They _______________ (be / married) for twenty five years.
8. Our train _______________ (leave) five minutes ago.
9. We all _______________ (get) a payrise last month.
10. This is the first time I _______________ (ever / see) this film.

Exercise 2.

Fill the gaps with either the present perfect or the past simple.

1. He _______________ (not buy) a new mobile phone on Saturday.
2. In the last year we _______________ (have) many hurricanes. Is global warming to blame?
3. Tina’s best friend _______________ (have) two children since they _______________ (last / see) each other.
4. She _______________ (live) in Thailand for over ten years now but she _______________ (still / not / master) the language.
5. Rob is the funniest guy I _______________ (ever / meet).
6. I _______________ (never / run) a marathon but I would like to do one next year.
7. Mary _______________ (speak) Portuguese when she _______________ (be) a kid but now she _______________ (forget) it all.
8. When _______________ (you / move) to the States?
9. Patricia _______________ (drink) six cups of coffee already today.
10. Gandhi _______________ (say), "Live as if you were to die today. Learn as if you were to live forever."

ANSWERS: PRESENT PERFECT or PAST SIMPLE? (2)

Exercise 1.

1. have you seen
2. did / take off
3. did you walk; took
4. have learnt
5. worked
6. have you ever read
7. have been
8. left
9. got
10. have ever seen

**Exercise 2.**

1. didn’t buy
2. have had
3. has had; last saw
4. has lived; still has not mastered
5. have ever met
6. have never
7. spoke; was; has forgotten
8. did you move
9. has drunk
10. said